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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at Events Related to the American Meteorological Society Meeting, January 11 – January 15, 2009

On January 13, 2009, representatives from NASA have been invited to attend a dinner in conjunction with the American Meteorological Society (AMS) 89th Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Four industry teammates including ITT, Harris Corp., Lockheed Martin Corp., and Vaisala will co-sponsor the evening dinner being held at the Wyndham Hotel. The theme of this years conference is "Urban Weather and Climate: Now and the Future."

Over 250 participants of the AMS meeting are invited to attend this dinner. The maximum benefit per employee would be approximately \$72. Attendees will include members of the aerospace industry, government, congressional staff members, and academia.

I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will allow individuals from a broad spectrum of industry and government to exchange knowledge and ideas on meteorological technology and scientific advancements. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event for themselves and their spouses or guests.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone